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CLAIMS:

Add new claims 13 through 16 as follows:

13. (new) A non-alcoholic beverage formulated to taste similar to an alcoholic beverage and containing a composition of matter comprising an effective amount of at least one alpha-pyrone compound having the structural formula in which R1 is a hydrogen atom or an alkoxy radical having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, R2 is a hydrogen atom or a hydroxyl group, and R3 is an alkyl radical having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms or a styryl or phenethyl radical optionally substituted by one or two methylenedioxy radicals or one or two hydroxyl groups and/or one or two alkoxy radicals having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, with the proviso that, when R2 is a hydroxyl group, then R3 is necessarily an unsubstituted phenethyl radical, with the proviso that when R3 is an alkyl radical having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, then R1 and R2 cannot both be hydrogen, in a physiologically acceptable carrier medium.

14. (new) The non-alcoholic beverage of claim 14 formulated to taste similar to wine.

15. (new) The non-alcoholic beverage of claim 14 formulated to taste similar to beer.

16. (new) The non-alcoholic beverage of claim 14 formulated to taste similar to distilled spirits.